



## VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAINE

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#### *Village Manager*

Jacqueline R. Menendez

DT: January 5, 2004

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council

FR: Jacqueline R. Menendez

RE: **Purchasing of Marine Patrol Vessel by utilizing State and Federal Asset Funds**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

I'm recommending to the Council that the Police Department purchase a Marine Patrol vessel to actively patrol the surrounding waterways and canals of the Village of Key Biscayne. The vessel would supplement and complement existing patrol functions within the Department by providing additional crime prevention, deterrence, enforcement and rescue capabilities. The acquisition of this vessel will also greatly enhance the Police Department's ability to respond and assist to non-emergency and emergency calls for service.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Key Biscayne is a barrier island; a significant portion of our residential community resides on waterfront property. Over the past ten (10) years residents living on canals and/or waterfront accessible property have had reported problems of property theft, restricted area wake violations, noise complaints and conservation violations. Many of these citizen complaints are a direct result of boats conducting criminal activities by having unrestricted and uncontested access to and from Key Biscayne's waterways and waterfront residences. A Marine Patrol vessel would significantly increase police presence and visibility in these waterways, thus establishing deterrence for the possibility of any future crime activity.

Research was conducted with The City of Coral Gables, Aventura and Indian Creek Police Departments regarding procedures, operations and staffing of their respective Marine Patrol Unit's. Staffing within these departments varies depending on available resources, manpower and departmental needs.

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MISSION STATEMENT: "TO PROVIDE A SAFE, QUALITY COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL ISLANDERS THROUGH RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT."

- Indian Creek is the only full time 24 hour 7 days a week Marine Patrol Unit. All of their six (6) officers are Marine Patrol Certified.
- Aventura's Marine Patrol is manned by one (1) certified officer, working three (3) days a week during peak hours.
- Coral Gables has three (3) certified officers assigned to their Marine Patrol. They work five (5) days a week; two (2) days 8am to 4pm and one evening shift noon to 10pm.

Estimated operational costs associated with the Marine Patrol Program would entail salaries, fuel, operating expenses, storage, maintenance and training. One officer would be needed to operate the vessel. This officer could be re-directed from vehicle patrol operations, to Marine Patrol Operations. A four officer per shift minimum would remain, but one officer would be re-allocated to Marine Patrol instead of vehicle patrol. Overtime would be minimal; utilized on a special need basis only unless otherwise instructed.

Current staffing limitations would prevent the Marine Patrol Vessel from being manned on a daily basis, but by utilizing a flexible scheduling concept, a Marine Patrol Unit would greatly augment the Police Department's ability to better serve its community. The patrol vessel would always be available for non-emergency and emergency calls for service, but the primary operation of the vessel would take place during peak days and hours of the week, special holidays (i.e. memorial day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July) and as deemed necessary. Every shift would have a minimum of two officers certified to operate the vessel, in case of an emergency type situation. Once again, when the vessel is being utilized, a four officer per shift minimum would remain the standard, with the exception of one officer patrolling in the patrol vessel instead of a patrol car.

I have provided a brief overview of operational costs associated with the proposed Marine Patrol Program from April 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept 30, 2004. Estimated costs are as follows:

Depending on it's usage, fuel would be estimated at approximately \$600.00 monthly, routine maintenance after the warranty period, approximately \$250.00 monthly, storage if needed, approximately \$322.28 for a wet slip or \$160.00 for a dry slip. Overtime during this five month period would be estimated at approximately \$4,000.00 due to three long holiday weekends (Labor Day, Memorial Day and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekends). A total estimated operational cost for the above five month period is approximately \$7,800.00. This figure includes \$ 800.00 for storage, which might not be needed, and excludes \$1,250.00 for maintenance which would not be needed due to the initial warranty period. Additional associated training costs are estimated at approximately \$4,200.00.

The amount funded for the Marine Patrol Vessel will come directly from State and Federal forfeiture asset sharing accounts, not the Police Department's operating budget. Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) will be utilized from the State asset fund, (please refer to attached resolution) and the remaining \$44,968.00 will be taken from the Federal asset fund to complete the purchase of the vessel. All additional operational and associated costs will come from the Police Department's operating budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND - STATE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MARINE PATROL VESSEL FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne Police Department has the need for a patrol vessel;  
and

WHEREAS, such cost is estimated to amount thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000); and

WHEREAS, funds for this expenditure is not included in the Police Department's operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety has recommended the adoption of this Resolution and determined that the proposed expenditure complies with Section 932.7055, Florida Statutes, the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the Village Council of the Village of Key Biscayne, Florida authorizes the expenditure of an amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund - State, for the purchase of a marine patrol vessel associated with the operation of the Key Biscayne Police Department.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

MAYOR ROBERT OLDAKOWSKI

ATTEST:

CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, CMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY